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SUBJECT: USG ACCOUNTS IN ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND

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1. FOLLOWING ARE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS TRANSMITTED
REFTEL:

2. EXACT AMOUNT OF WITHDRAWALS FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1 IN 1977
\$190,786 (SEE GENEVA 1129 TRANSMITTING FINAL AUDIT STATUS
AS CONTAINED THOMAS LETTER TO BRENNAN DATED MARCH 20).

3. TO WHICH MOVEMENTS WERE THESE WITHDRAWALS APPLIED:
FOR CHINESE (192 PERSONS) - \$56,241; FOR MOVEMENT EX-LATIN
AMERICA (367 PERSONS) - \$132,523. TOTAL FOR MOVEMENTS:
\$188,764; TOTAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FUND \$2,022; GRAND
TOTAL \$190,786. NOTE: ICEM REPORTS ALL REPEAT ALL FORE-
GOING MOVEMENTS WERE TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. USE OF ACCOUNT NO. 1 FUNDS FOR MOVEMENTS EX-ARGENTINA
AND PERU. ICEM CONTENDS THAT USE OF ACCOUNT NO. 1 FUNDS
FOR MOVEMENT EX-LATIN AMERICA EXCEPT CHILE WAS AUTHORIZED
BY ORM LETTER TO ICEM DATED APRIL 4, 1974. COMMENT:
HOWEVER, EXAMINATION OF LETTER IN QUESTION, WHICH ICEM
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HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO MISSION, FAILS TO BEAR OUT THIS
CONTENTION. RELEVANT POINTS OF LETTER FROM MISSION
COUNSELOR CARLIN TO ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 19,
1974 CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS IN
THE USG ACCOUNTS IN ICEM'S REFUGEE LOAN FUND.
WE AGREE AND SPECIFICALLY APPROVE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,

1974, THAT THE USG SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN ICEM'S NON-EUROPEAN REFUGEE LOAN FUND AND THE SPECIAL USG ACCOUNT FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW USG SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN THE ICEM LOAN FUND FOR REFUGEES OUTSIDE EUROPE. THIS ACCOUNT WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE TO COVER TRANSPORTATION LOANS FOR: (MARGINAL HANDWRITTEN NOTATION "LATER AGREED TO BE CALLED NO. 1).

(A) (REFERS TO "NON-EUROPEAN REFUGEES" FROM HONG KONG TO U.S.).

(B) REFUGEES IN CHILE BEING ADMITTED INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT; AND,

(C) (REFERS TO UGANDAN ASIAN REFUGEES TO UNITED STATES) WE UNDERSTAND THAT REPAYMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE COLLECTED AGAINST PAST AND FUTURE LOANS BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH THE COLLECTING AGENCY RETAINING 25 PERCENT AS A SPECIAL COLLECTION FEE WITH THE BALANCE BEING CREDITED TO THE NEW USG SPECIAL ACCOUNT. END QUOTE.

ICEM REPS STATE THAT ICEM'S INTENTION IS TO REPLENISH THE FUNDS SO USED FROM THE \$300,000 SPECIAL USG CONTRIBUTION REFERRED TO IN LETTER FROM ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS TO DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY CARLIN DECEMBER 22, 1977, AND PREVIOUS.

5. CLARIFICATION OF PROJECTED WITHDRAWAL OF \$247,000 FROM USG ACCOUNT NO. 1 IN CY 1978: ICEM HAS ASKED THAT THEY BE PERMITTED DEFER RESPONSE THIS QUESTION UNTIL UNCLASSIFIED

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AFTER RETURN OF ICEM REP JARRELL FROM LATIN AMERICA EARLY NEXT WEEK. JARRELL NOW IN BUENOS AIRES IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAVCHAVADZE/BROBSON TRIP AND ICEM CONSIDERED THAT ITS CURRENT FIGURES MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED AS RESULT THESE CONVERSATIONS.

6. MISSION'S LETTER OF APRIL 4, 1974 TO ICEM BEING TRANSMITTED TODAY BY AIR POUCH AND BY INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL TO HA/CARLIN.
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